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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed 27 March 2002.

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of Time for a one-month extension making the due date for response 26 May 2002. As the due date occurs on a Sunday and as the following Monday is a National Holiday (Memorial Day), the next business day rule may be used. As such, the filing on 28 May 2002 falls within the one-month extension and no additional fees should be applied.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel originally filed claims 1-30 and kindly add the following new claims

31-60:

--31. A method for the ex vivo or activation of NK-cells, comprising:  
contacting NK cells in a physiological suspension with a Hsp70 protein of  
SEQ ID NO: 1 or a C-terminal fragment of Hsp70, wherein said fragment

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